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Arab Summit

The final communique of the emergency Arab summit conference in Casablanca, broadcast 9 August by Rabat radio, said the conference reiterated the need for Arab adherence to the spirit, principles, and resolutions of the Fes summit conference on the Palestinian question. Without formally endorsing the PLO-Jordanian agreement, the communique said Arab leaders "recorded with full appreciation" the "detailed explanations" from King Husayn of Jordan and PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat on the agreement's conformity with the Fes plan. The communique, which was read by Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi, confirmed the PLO's right to make its own political decisions, and urged the PLO and Lebanon to "cooperate and coordinate" to protect Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. As for the Iran-Iraq war, the communique expressed "strong condemnation" of Iran for "staging one attack after another" on Iraq and disregarding all Iraqi peace initiatives, adding that Arab countries would "reconsider" their relations with Iran if the war continued. On inter-Arab affairs, the communique said the summit took place in an atmosphere of "solidarity, fraternity, and awareness of the sensitivity" of the current Arab situation, and it also announced the formation of two committees to ease Arab tensions. One committee will mediate between Jordan and Syria and between Syria and Iraq, while the other will attempt to reconcile differences between Iraq and Libya and between Libya and the PLO. Morocco's King Hassan II, who chaired the conference, was asked to continue to convey the Arab viewpoint in the international arena, particularly in light of the upcoming summit between President Reagan and CPSU General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, the communique stated.

In a closing address broadcast by Rabat radio, King Hassan II said deliberations during the summit were sometimes "acute," though he added that signifies the "soundness" of the Arab structure. While the issue of Egypt's return to the Arab League was not mentioned in the communique, King Hassan II stated in a news conference carried by Rabat radio that he does not think Egypt is ready now to talk about returning to the organization. As for the PLO-Jordanian agreement, the king said the Arab League was not required to endorse the accord. He added that the summit did not discourage Jordan and the PLO "at all" in their efforts, but said they were told to "be careful" and to avoid placing themselves "outside the Fes plan."

Jordanian Foreign Minister Tahir al-Masri said the final communique of the emergency Arab summit was "clear and positive" regarding the Jordanian-Palestinian agreement, Amman television reported, while *AL-RA'Y* stated that the communique "strongly and firmly" confronted all remarks made against the agreement. PLO Political Department chief Faruq Qaddumi told AFP that the summit demonstrated that the PLO "still enjoys a privileged place in the Arab community." He claimed that relations between the PLO and Libya were improving and his recent visit to Libya produced "good results." Saudi Crown Prince 'Abdallah told SPA that the summit was a "profound reply" to those who believed that Arab reconciliation was difficult and the Arab nation would remain divided. Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan praised the Arab leaders' "vehement denunciation" of Iran's insistence on continuing the Gulf war, INA reported.

Meanwhile, Egyptian President Husni Mubarak affirmed that Egypt did not approach any friendly Arab country with the aim of having Egypt's return to the Arab League discussed at the summit, MENA reported. The news agency also cited an *AL-AHRAM* editorial criticizing the summit participants for refusing to anger certain countries with "clear, frank, and useful" resolutions, even though the behavior of those countries endanger all Arabs.

As for the nations which boycotted the summit, a Damascus radio commentary stated that although Jordan and the PLO consider the communique's "ambiguity" on the Palestinian issue a "clear blessing of their capitulatory activity," the Jordanian-Palestinian agreement is not in harmony with the Fes resolutions. An *AL-THAWRAH* commentary cited by SANA said "fragile phrases by a fragile summit" will not save the agreement. A Tripoli radio commentary said Arab summits no longer deserve much importance because their resolutions "carry no weight," while APS cited an *AL-SHA'B* editorial concluding that the summit failed to achieve "any objective result" serving Arab solidarity and the Palestinian cause. As for Lebanon, Prime Minister Rashid Karami said he hoped the two committees created at the summit will succeed in clearing the Arab atmosphere, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

Meanwhile, Tehran radio's Arabic service castigated the communique's position on the Gulf war, claiming that it carried "no credibility" and was adopted by rulers who gave their consciences a "permanent vacation" before going to Casablanca.

Lebanon

The security situation in Beirut deteriorated over the weekend, with shelling causing casualties in both the western and eastern sectors, according to Beirut radio and other local stations. Beirut radio reported over 40 casualties from the shelling on 9 and 11 August. In a related development, 50 Christians travelling toward Beirut Airport were kidnapped and subsequently released by gunmen in West Beirut, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon noted. As for the U.S. and French nationals held hostage in Lebanon, the radio cited a Syrian Information Ministry spokesman's denial that Syria is working to secure their release.

Israel

Responding to an appeal by Khalil Abu Ziyad the High Court of Justice instructed authorities to postpone his deportation and

show cause within 3 days why he should be deported, Jerusalem radio reported. In his appeal, Abu Ziyad denied he was the Fatah representative in Jerusalem and claimed he had not violated confinement orders issued against him, the radio noted.

Kuwait

The interior minister announced that security authorities have deported about 90 percent of the "undesirables" who constitute a threat to Kuwait's security, according to an *AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM* report cited by KUNA.

Iran

Hajj Developments — A seven-point statement stressing Islamic unity was issued at the end of a march attended by thousands of Iranian and other hajj pilgrims in Medina, Tehran radio reported. The statement urged pilgrims to shout their "demolishing slogans" against the "idols of the East and West." In another report, Tehran radio noted that "interestingly" there were no "problems" from Saudi officials during the march. In a speech preceding the march reported by the radio, Mehdi Karrubi, supervisor of the Iranian pilgrimage, blamed the United States for inflicting blows on the Islamic Revolution and imposing war on Iran.

Western Sahara

Saharan Information Ministry statements cited by APS claimed further military successes against Moroccan forces, contending that the Saharans killed or wounded 113 Moroccans in an 8 August attack on the Moroccan defensive wall after putting 705 Moroccan soldiers out of action during operations in July and the first 3 days of August.

Egypt

Security Authorities foiled a Libyan plot to assassinate a Libyan opposition figure residing in Egypt, according to an Interior Ministry statement reported by Cairo radio. Two Egyptians were recruited by Libyan intelligence to kill political refugee Ghayth Sa'id al-Mabruk, the statement said.

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Karmal Signs Presidium Decree for 11 Aug Elections

LD102322 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Kabul, 10 Aug (BAKHTAR) — The decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium on the elections of the local tribal assemblies and councils of the people's representatives, Kabul city:

The Presidium of the DRA Revolutionary Council approves:

1. The elections of the local tribal assemblies and councils of the people's representatives of the DRA will start on 11 August 1985 in accordance with Article 19 of the DRA Law of Local Organs of State Power and Administration and Article 13 of the DRA Law of Elections of the Local Tribal Assemblies and Councils of the People's Representatives.

2. The elections of the local tribal assemblies and councils of the people's representatives will be carried out in stages according to the approved timetable by the Revolutionary Council Presidium — supplement to this decree — and in accordance with Article 18 of the Law of Local Organs of State Power and Administration.

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, President of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium

Because the elections of the local tribal assemblies and councils of the people's representatives of the DRA will be carried out in stages in accordance with the decree by the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, compatriots will be informed in due course on elections in their regions.

Dost Comments on Protocol Signed With India

LD092053 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] Minister of Foreign Affairs Shah Mohammad Dost, who had gone to New Delhi leading a delegation at the invitation of the Indian Government to take part in the seventh session of the joint Afghan-Indian Commission for Economic, Trade and Technical Cooperation, arrived home this afternoon.

Upon his arrival at Kabul International Airport, the foreign affairs minister expressed thanks for the warm and friendly hospitality of the Indian authorities and said that the joint commission's session was concluded successfully in a spirit of complete understanding. He added that during the visit to the friendly country of India, he had met the president, vice president and prime minister of the country and exchanged views in a friendly atmosphere on the further development of friendly relations between the two countries and bilateral cooperation, the situation in the region and international topics.

The minister of foreign affairs added that the DRA delegation during its stay in New Delhi signed a protocol with the Indian side on economic, trade and technical cooperation between the two countries and a program on cultural exchanges for the years 1985- 87.

According to another report, Minister of Foreign Affairs Shah Mohammad Dost, yesterday evening took part in a press conference attended by Indian and foreign correspondents. In the press conference he stressed that his visit to Delhi and participation in the seventh session of the joint Afghan-Indian Commission was extremely fruitful and the success achieved by both sides on the development of relations has opened a new chapter in relations between the two countries. The minister of foreign affairs expressed the hope that the next round of Geneva talks could prove effective for the solution of problems around Afghanistan.

Replying to another question, he said that Afghanistan is always in favor of solving the problem through talks and believes that direct talks could in practice help the solution of the problem.

Further Details

LD110911 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0429 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Kabul August 10, BAKHTAR: A delegation headed by Shah Mohammad Dost, the foreign minister of the DRA who had gone to India returned home.

Shah Mohammed Dost remarked that the negotiations of the joint commission ended in a frank and mutual understanding.

The protocol of economic, commercial and technical cooperation and the exchange of cultural programs between the two countries for 1985-87 were signed with the Indian side in New Delhi, he added.

Dost stated that the Afghan delegation called on the Indian president, vice president and prime mininster of India and discussed with them the mutual matters in a friendly atmosphere.

According to another report Shah Mohammad Dost emphasized at a press conference in which foreign and Indian journalists took part, held in New Delhi, that his journey to India and participating at the 7th session of the Afghan-Indian joint commission were very useful and opened a new chapter in the relations between the two countries.

Shah Mohammad Dost, answering a question said that Afghanistan has always been in favour of solving the problems around Afghanistan through direct negotiation. He expressed hope that the coming round of talks about the situation around Afghanistan would be useful.

The Indo-Afghanistan joint commission was constituted several years ago. Its last meeting was held at secretary level in 1982, although earlier it was held at ministerial level.

CPSU Delegation Arrives 9 August

LD092009 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] (Vadim Kayumovich Kayumov), chief of the Tajik Communist Party Central Committee Foreign Relations Department who is leading a CPSU delegation, arrived in Kabul today at the invitation of the PDPA Central Committee.

At Kabul International Airport the delegation was welcomed by some members of the PDPA Central Committee, the deputy chief of the PDPA Central Committee International Relations Department, heads of the organization and economic departments of the Kabul City party committee, and by Aleksandr Abolov, the Soviet charge d'affaires in Kabul.

SPA Reports Mujahidin Foil USSR Attack

GF091751 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1625 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] The Afghani News Agency [AAP] reported today that the mujahidin have foiled an attack launched by the Afghani-Soviet forces to capture the liberated areas in the province of Oruzgan. AAP said that the Soviet-Afghani forces were dispatched from the capital of the province of Tarin Kowt and were reinforced by tanks and armored vehicles. The Afghan mujahidin ambushed these forces. This resulted in the killing of at least 50 of the Afghani and Soviet forces and the destruction of at least 3 tanks. Seventeen of the Afghan mujahidin were martyred and others were wounded.

Rebels Claim 20 USSR Aircraft Destroyed

LD091913 (Clandestine) Voice of Afghanistan in Dari 1100 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate: As time passes the Muslim revolutionaries of our bloodstained country inflict severe blows on shaky Russian imperialism and the aggressive forces of Red colonialism, who each day experience the bitter taste of defeat and public disgrace in our Islamic land.

During the past few months each one of the airports of Kabul, Kandahar, Shendand, Herat, Jalalabad, Bagram, Ghazni and Gardez, many times became the target of the most severe attacks of our devout mujahidin and irreparable damage was inflicted on the installations of these airports, which included loss of life as well.

In the country there is no Russian and servant position that has remained intact from serious damage by the mujahidin rockets.

Apart from this, only some while ago the faithful officers in the enemy's airbase in Shendand, despite continuous conspiracies of the Russians and their servants who had still remained in the heart of the enemy forces, managed to destroy more than 20 aircraft of the barbarous Russians by a heroic bomb planting operation.

The history of our bloodstained country will never forget their self-sacrifice.

Because of the heroic operation of the faithful officers at Shindand airfield, seven pilots and the Muslim crew of two Russian helicopter MI-24 gunships, who had so far remained safe from the purge of the KGB and State Information Services and managed to take up positions in the heart of the enemy, followed the path of emigration with the two helicopters and landed them at the Miranshah border airfield of Pakistan.

Although the pilots and Muslim crew of these helicopters had intended to land these helicopters at one of the battle fronts inside the country and use them to crush the devil Russians, unfortunately, due to the technical faults, this objective has not been accomplished.

Tripura Tribal Extremists Kill 5, Wound 2

BK091248 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] In Tripura, Tribal National Volunteer extremists killed five people and seriously injured two in West District today. Police said that about 12 extremists armed with sophisticated weapons kidnapped 7 people from the house of a CPI-M member of the Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council and shot them after taking them to a place 1 km away.

Home Minister Confident

BK091042 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] The union home minister, Mr Chavan, today expressed his confidence that a solution to the foreign nationals problem in Assam will be found soon. He was speaking to newsmen in Gauhati before leaving for New Delhi. He said differences between the center and the agitation leaders have been considerably narrowed down following the recent rounds of talks with different organizations and political parties. Mr Chavan who was accompanied by the union home secretary, Mr Pradhan, disclosed that he had met representatives of 80 organizations in Gauhati. He said a 5-member Assam movement delegation has been called to New Delhi to resume the talks.

Replying to a question on the Assam-Nagaland border issue, Mr Chavan said that the government is considering setting up of a separate commission to look into the border problem between the different states in the region.

Chavan on Bangladesh Border

BK091630 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Excerpts] The union home minister, Mr S.B. Chavan, today expressed confidence that a solution to the foreign nationals problem of Assam will be found soon. Mr Chavan was speaking to newsmen in Gauhati before his departure for New Delhi.

The home minister said that preliminary work on the fencing of the Assam-Bangladesh border is in progress, and the central PWD [Public Works Department] and the Border Roads Organization are actively engaged in survey work.

Gandhi on Domestic Situation, International Ties

BK110924 Delhi Domestic Service in Engish 0830 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] The prime minister has reiterated that there must be a national consensus on center-state relations and other such national problems. In an interview published today in the *GULF NEWS* of Dubayy, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said that Sarkaria Commission is looking into the required changes on the subject.

Replying to a variety of questions, Mr Gandhi said the highest priority is being given to the welfare programs for the poor. Science and technology and a new education policy are also receiving due attention. The prime minister said the Punjab accord has been widely accepted and acclaimed. The efforts are now to be concentrated on isolating the extremists with the cooperation of the people.

Referring to the Indo-Pakistan relations, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said the Simla agreement already contains the essence of a no-war pact between the two countries.

What is required now is a comprehensive treaty of peace and friendship which will stimulate contacts between our people and build upon the natural goodwill and affection which they have for each other.

About relations with China, the prime minister said India is continuing its talks with that country.

Talking about the situation in Sri Lanka, Mr Rajiv Gandhi expressed the hope that the next round of talks will make more progress.

Referring to the West Asian situation, the prime minister said comprehensive and durable peace in the region is possible only by allowing the Palestinians their right for an independent homeland. He said India is continuing its efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Remarks by Pakistani Official Protested

BK100349 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] India has conveyed its disappointment over the recent remarks made by the Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr Zain Noorani in the National Assembly against the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The secretary, east, in the External Affairs Ministry, Mr A.P. Venkateswaran, told the Pakistan ambassador in New Delhi that such remarks are against the convention, that heads of state and governments should not be referred to in such terms. Mr Noorani's remarks about Mr Rajiv Gandhi were of a personal nature.

Sri Lankan Delegate Arrives En Route to Bhutan

BK101004 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Mr H.W. Jayewardene, brother of the Sri Lankan president, Mr J.R. Jayewardene, arrived in Bombay last night on his way to Thimpu, the capital of Bhutan. He will lead the Sri Lankan Government delegation to the second round of talks with the leaders of the Tamil minority in Sri Lanka opening in Thimpu on Monday [12 August].

Delhi: Police Disperse Crowd in Rawalpindi

BK120353 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 12 Aug 85

[Text] In Pakistan, the police had to resort to a lathi [baton] charge and burst tear gas to disperse stone throwing mobs in Rawalpindi yesterday, who were protesting against the murder of nine members of a family in Rawalpindi. A strong police contingent sent some buses.

All markets, shops and commercial establishments in the city were closed paralyzing normal life. Shopkeepers in Islamabad also observed hartal [strike] and business activities remained suspended for the whole day.

Punjab Minister on Murders

BK120427 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 12 Aug 85

[Text] Punjab chief minister Nawaz Sharif has expressed concern over the brutal murder of nine persons of a family in Rawalpindi and directed the police officials to arrest the culprits. He directed the provincial inspector general of police to personally investigate into the heinous crime and to arrest the criminals immediately. The chief minister has also called for a report on this incident from the inspector general of police.

Delhi: Opposition Figure Expelled From Karachi

BK111604 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] In Pakistan, the police detained a leading opposition politician, Mr Fazlur Rahman, soon after he arrived in Karachi last night and expelled him. He is the secretary general of the banned Jamiat Ulema-e Islam. He was put on a flight to Lahore.

Petroleum Minister Stresses Self-Sufficiency

GF101309 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 7 Aug 85 p 1

[By a special correspondent]

[Text] Islamabad, 5 August: Dr Mohammad Asad Khan, the minister for petroleum and natural resources, said in an exclusive interview with *NAWA-E WAQT* after being sworn in that his aim in life is to make Pakistan self-sufficient in oil. As in his previous tenure of office, he will aim for the greatest ever increase in production. He said that when he completed his previous term in March, oil production in the country had risen from 35 to 38,000 barrels per day [figures as published], and efforts were being to increase this amount.

Now 3 months later, the production of oil has not shown any increase and is in fact declining to some extent. In these conditions he said that he will endeavor to increase oil production. He stated: The country is passing through a difficult phase at the moment and it is the duty of every individual to try his utmost for the welfare of the country.

He added: It will be my duty to accelerate efforts to increase oil production and for exploration for other natural resources. All steps will be taken to use them to the country's advantage.

PRC Said Willing To Begin Joint Ventures

BK111606 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] The PRC is willing to transfer its technology and begin joint ventures in Pakistan. The leader of a 4-member Chinese delegation, (Yong Dong), said this in Lahore yesterday while addressing the executive committee members of Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Karachi Reports Afghan Rebels Attack Camp

BK100925 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the Afghan mujahidin have attacked a military camp and the (?nearby) security posts in Parvan Province, killing or wounding a number of Soviet-Karmal soldiers and damaging a tank and two vehicles.

The mujahidin also captured 9 soldiers, a large quantity of arms, and 11 wireless sets in the operation.

Protest Lodged With DRA for Border Shelling

BK111532 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] The Afghan ground forces fired 13 artillery rounds which landed between Arawali and Lakka Tigga, about 22 miles southeast of Parachinar yesterday, killing 1 Afghan refugee. Fourteen goats were also killed in the incident.

The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office this afternoon and a strong protest was lodged with him over this unprovoked attack.

He was asked to convey to his administration that if such attacks were not stopped, responsibility for any consequences will rest with the Kabul regime.

BANGLADESH

Delhi Reports Opposition Figure Released

BK100919 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] The Bangladesh Government has released the organizing secretary of the main opposition Awami League party, Mr Tofail Ahmed, from detention. Mr Ahmed was under detention for the last 4 months. There has been persistent demand by the main opposition 15-party alliance to release him.

NEPAL

'Tough' Antiterrorist Law Adopted by Panchayat

HK120836 Hong Kong AFP in English 0813 GMT 12 Aug 85

[By Kedar Man Singh]

[Text] Katmandu, Aug 12 (AFP) — Nepal has adopted a tough new anti-terrorist law imposing a maximum penalty of death for terrorism within the country or against Nepalese institutions abroad.

The Terrorist Offences Act 1985, passed Friday by an overwhelming majority in the National Panchayat, Nepal's legislature, introduces capital punishment hitherto reserved for those making attempts on the lives of royal family members. In the past 36 years only three people have been sentenced to death for attempts on the life of the Nepalese monarch.

The new legislation comes on the heels of a series of bomb attacks which rocked the hitherto peaceful Himalayan kingdom June 21 and 22, killing eight people.

Three of the 140 Panchayat members expressed fears that the government could use the new act to suppress its opponents. One of them, Nanimainya Dahal called for the clause laying down the death penalty to be deleted from the act. The act describes terrorist crimes as offenses committed with the intention of harming the security of the country or any part of it or destabilizing peace and order and causing harm to the administration. Actions against Nepalese property abroad will be regarded in the same light as terrorist acts committed in this country under the legislation. The death sentence is to be meted out to the principal persons involved in such acts or those ordering such acts to be carried out.

With the act's adoption, the government is likely to divulge the details of the bomb blasts and of the exact numbers of people under arrest in connection with them and expected to face prosecution under the new tough legislation, observers here said.

Radheshyam Kamaro, minister of law and justice told the house that the law was needed to maintain security, peace, and order and to protect the lives and property of the general public. The law has been brought into force for three years and can be extended for another two years by a gazette notification, an official Panchayat source told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE.

Explosives, arson, poison in food for general consumption, used to terrorise or cause harm to people are all punishable under the 17-article act. Any person who praises a person committing offences through published articles, statements, literature or posters, will be considered as having committed an offence under the act and will be punished accordingly.

Chief district officers in Nepal have been empowered to search and use force to arrest terrorist suspects without any warrant and to shoot them if they try to escape. They may also search premises or vehicles without warning. Those deemed as obstructing them in the discharge of official duties can be punished.

Persons involved in terrorist crimes in varying lesser capacities will be liable to sentences from five years to life imprisonment, while those obstructing government investigations can receive a minimum of five years' jail and a fine of 5,000 rupees (1,680 dollars).

Trials of those charged under the act will be held in camera and access to relevant documents will be made available only to the accused, to government solicitors or the person reviewing the case. Any person detained under suspicion of committing such offences shall be tried within 90 days of arrest. A person will still be liable for prosecution no matter how long ago the crime was committed.

Former MP Warns of Antimonarchist Actions

HK120848 Hong Kong AFP in English 0836 GMT 12 Aug

[Text] New Delhi, August 12 (AFP) — A Nepalese revolutionary has warned that June bomb blast murders of eight people in Nepal, claimed by his group, were the start of a revolution that would overthrow the king, a magazine has said here.

Former Nepalese M.P. Ram Raja Prasad Singh, who said that Latin American revolutionary Che Guevara was his idol, told India's *SUNDAY* magazine that the bombings were the "first step."

"The June 20 bomb blasts...were the beginning of our revolution" to overthrow King Birendra, the Janwadi Morch group leader was quoted by th weekly as saying. He said the attack had been planned for four years.

Mr Singh has been charged with treason in Nepal and spends most of his time in India, informed sources said. He denied in the interview that he had made his base in India, which shares a common 1,040 kilometre (645 mile) border with Nepal.

"Through the revolution we have to terrorise the government. We will later try to win over some areas and concentrate there," he said.

Referring to Che Guevara, a revolutionary active in Cuba and Bolivia in the 1960's, he said: "I was very frantic to join him...I would have gone there to join him."

Sources have said the group sent at least 10 well-trained guerrillas to carry out the bomb attacks, which killed an M.P. at

Katmandu's parliament building and blasted a top hotel there. More than 200 people were arrested afterwards.

King Birendra is regarded by many Nepalese as an incarnation of the Hindu god Vishnu, the protector. Observers said he has little real political authority over the government of Lokendra Bahadur Chand.

India has rejected Nepalse charges that it harboured anti-monarchist terroritsts.

"We are a political party dedicated to overthrow of the monarchy in Nepal," Mr Singh said. "We have no arms, ammunitions and proper training facilities, whatever we developed was from our own experience. We have only some political training and some physical exercises." He said he did not wish to receive armed help from abroad at the moment.

SRI LANKA

Second Round of Peace Talks Begin in Thimpu

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[Text] New Delhi, Aug 12 (AFP) — The second round of peace talks between Sri Lankan Government and Tamil representatives began today in Thimpu, the capital of Bhutan, a spokesman for the Sri Lankan High Commission here said. The spokesman said all five major militant Tamil groups and the Tamil United Liberation Front, the main Tamil political party, were taking part. The first round of talks ended last month, having made little progress.

The talks are intended to end the ethnic strife in Sri Lanka, where the minority Tamil community, complaining of unfair treatment by the Sinhala majority, have been campaigning for greater autonomy for the mainly Tamil north and east of the country. Militant Tamils have been fighting a guerrilla war for a separate Tamil state in the north and east.

Six Policemen Killed by Suspected Tamil Landmine

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[Text] Colombo, Aug 10 (AFP) — Six policemen were killed when a landmine blew up their vehicle in the northern district of Vavuniya early today, police sources said.

It was not immediately known who was responsible for the attack, but sources here said they suspected a militant Tamil separatist group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

The killings came just 48 hours before the scheduled beginning of a second round of Indian-sponsored talks between government representatives and leaders of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority intended to settle the country's ethnic conflict.

This week government leaders told visiting Indian Foreign Secretary Romesh Bhandari that militant Tamils had been violating a ceasefire between government forces and Tamil separatist guerrillas. He was told that there had been over 300 ceasefire violations by guerrillas — particularly the LTTE, one of five Tamil separatist groups attending the talks.

Mr. Bhandari is due to leave here today after two days of consultations with President Junius Jayewardene and other leaders about the conflict. The peace talks are set to resume on Monday in Thimpu, the Bhutanese capital.

Members of Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community, complaining of unfair treatment by the Sinhala majority, have been campaiging for greater autonomy for the largely Tamil north and east of the island. Militant Tamils have been waging a guerrilla war for a separate Tamil state in the north and east.

Earlier National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali had said that the LTTE in particular was planning to unleash violence and provoke government forces to retaliate, so that it could use the retaliation as an excuse to stay away from the negotiations.

Yesterday Sinhala groups — including the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the People's United Front, several Buddhist organisations and influential Buddhist monks — signed a memorandum calling on the government to postpone the Thimpu talks until terrorism had been wiped out and Sinhala residents driven from their homes in the north and east by Tamil militants had been resettled.

Sources said the government itself was reconsidering its participation in the talks because of continuing violence by militants, and because Tamil leaders were thought unlikely to come up with their own peace proposals — having rejected government proposals at the first round of talks last month.

Further Details

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[Text] The second round of peace talk between the government and the Tamil separatist groups opens in Thimpu, Bhutan, tomorrow, Monday, 12 August. Dr H.W. Jayewardene, QC [Queen's Council], who has been appointed special ambassador and plenipotentiary with full powers by the president, leads the government delegation to Thimpu. Reports received by LANKAPUWATH [Sri Lanka News Agency] said that the representatives of the TULF and five major terrorist groups have already left south India to attend the talks.

Meanwhile, the latest intelligence reports reveal that certain Tamil terrorist groups had decided to launch a major offensive in a desperate bid to sabotage the second round of peace talks at Thimpu. Security reports reaching Colombo state that yesterday's landmine explosion, which killed five policemen at Vavuniya, could have been the beginning of a major Tamil terrorist operation aimed at wrecking the peace process initiated by India. Security sources also reveal that there was an exodus of Tamils from Trincomalee after terrorists had intimidated them in doing so. The leaders and members of certain terrorist groups have been responsible for nearly 50 murders of civilians and service personnel and over 20 robberies since the cessation of hostilities was announced on 18 June. They have brought cars

and goods totalling over an estimated 50 million rupees since then.

Reports reveal that a prime reason for the Tamil terrorist crime wave was that international funding for Tamil terrorism in Sri Lanka has been reduced to a trickle since the peace talks began. Security forces have been placed on full alert throughout the island to prevent attempts to sabotage the peace talks.

Army Defuses Suspected Tamil Bomb at Station

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[By Neville de Silva]

[Excerpts] Colombo, Aug 12 (AFP) — Suspected Tamil separatists tried to blow up a rush hour train at Columbo's main station today with gelignite, timed to explode just as official peace talks got underway in Bhutan, officials said. A railway employee found seven kilograms (15.4 pounds) of gelignite wired to an alarm clock, set to go off at 7.45 a.m., between two seats on an empty train, top security sources said. The bomb could have killed people on the platform at Fort Station, they said. The passenger train had arrived an hour before from Jaffna, the country's northern capital and a separatist hotbed.

The device was timed for an explosion coinciding with the resumption of peace talks between the Sri Lankan government and six Tamil groups in Thimpu, capital of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, the sources said.

An army bomb disposal squad defused the bomb, they said.

Armed police searched vehicles at key points in the city and checked the identities of persons arriving here from early today. Security has also been tightened in other parts of the country, particularly in areas bordering the northern and eastern provinces, to guard against possible separatist attacks, sources said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that militants opposed to the peace talks were trying to wreck them. Earlier he said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LITE), one of the armed groups represented at Thimpu, were the main violators of a June 18 ceasefire.

Mr. Athulathmudali visited northeastern Trincomalee district yesterday and assured refugees sheltering in schools there that any decisions reached at Thimpu would not be carried out until most of them had been resettled. Three women and a child were reportedly killed by Tamil militants in the Trincomalee area over the weekend while their husbands were away helping clear ground for an army camp, sources said.

Observers here said the opening days of the second round of talks at Thimpu could be marred by charges of ceasefire violations by both sides, which could hamper any real progress. Authoritative sources told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that any such accusations might be referred to a special committee there, so that the talks could proceed. The first round of talks, sponsored by India, was held last month.

Further Details

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[Text] Security forces told LANKAPUWATCH [Sri Lanka News Agency] that a Sri Lanka Tamil terrorist group, styling itself the (?Reddish) Force of Tamil Eelam, had claimed responsibility for the placing of a 7-kilogram time bomb in the night mail train from Jaffna, which arrived at Colombo Fort Railway Station this morning at 0622. The time bomb, wrapped inside a brown traveling bag, was found underneath a compartment seat by an alert porter at 0635 today, 13 minutes after the train arrived. An army squad rushed to the railway station and defused the bomb.

Letter Bomb Injures 1 at Bonn Embassy

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[Text] Bonn, Aug. 11, IRNA — A letter bomb went off Friday afternoon at the Iranian Embassy in Bonn, West Germany, slightly injuring the hand of an embassy staff who was handing the letter, it was reported Sunday.

The letter bomb which was addressed to the Iranian Embassy in Bonn, also broke one window pane in the embassy building. No further injuries or damages were reported.

Iranian Pilgrims Stage Demonstrations in Medina

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[Text] The religious political Friday prayers were held in the Prophet's mosque and surrounding streets in Medina yesterday. Thousands of world Muslims participated in these prayers.

Our correspondent reports that Karrubi, the imam's representative and head of the Iranian hajj delegation, a number of ulema, and Iranian pilgrims attended these ceremonies. The correspondent adds that Muslims from all nationalities, sects, and colors, who are craving for independence and freedom under the slogan "No God except God" contacted the imam's representative despite various obstacles. They contacted him immediately after they heard about his presence at these ceremonies, and expressed their full support for the Islamic Revolution.

Large demonstrations were held by Iranian and non-Iranian pilgrims yesterday afternoon. They chanted "God is great," "There is no God except God," "Death to the United States," and "Death of Israel" slogans. They condemned international arrogance's plots and affirmed the need for greater Muslim solidarity and unity.

Karrubi Assails U.S., USSR, Israel

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[Excerpts] The special correspondent of Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Saudi Arabia reports on the anti-arrogance march by pilgrims to House of God [Ka'bah] in refulgent Medina:

On Friday evening of 18 Mordad [9 Aug 85] refulgent Medina witnessed a magnificent and glorious march for Islamic unity by pilgrims to the holy shrine of the prophet and enthusiastic seekers of the mausuleum of Islam's exalted prophet Holy Mohammad ibn-'Abdollah, God's benedictions be upon him and his scion, the seal of the prophets. This ceremony began with a gathering at Imam Khomeyni Mission headquarters and a speech by the imam's representative and the supervisor of the hajj pilgrimage, followed by a march to the mosque of the prophet and a declaration of a seven-point resolution.

Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Karrubi, the exalted representative of the imam and the supervisor of the Iranian pilgrimage, in a lengthy speech, first referred to the universality of Islam's dictats, stressed the inseparability of religion and politics in Islam, and expounded on various dimensions of the hajj pilgrimage. He said that we must attend, together with religious dictats of the hajj, to the world politics of Islam. He added that the presence of millions at Medina and Mecca, the centers of monotheism and revelations, must follow the fight against blasphemy, infidelity and satan.

The imam's representative referred to Iran's revolution and its influences on other Muslim nations and said that the Muslim nation of Iran has announced on many occassions that the liberation of Islamic Iran is not different from the liberation of Holy Jerusalem. Both are Islamic lands and must be liberated. Muslims should know that the United States is our enemy. It is the United States that has committed such aggressions. The axis of the present corruption is none but the arch-satan of the United States. It is the United States that brought on us the Lebanese question and whole-heartedly supports the aggressive and occupier Zionists. It is the United States that has been hatching plots since the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and intends to inflict blows on the Islamic Revolution of Iran. It is the United States that has imposed the war on us.

He then said that nations must know that the Islamic ummah has been at war for 5 years in order to punish the United States, superpowers and aggressors, and it will continue to punish the aggressor once and for all. At a time when Egypt has recognized Israel and Israel established an embassy in Cairo, hoisting an Israeli flag on the pure soil of Egypt, how could one bring Egypt back to the Arab fold? If the Egyptian Government does not discard the Israeli apparatus and expel them, Israel will be thrown out by divine succor and by the capable hands of the Muslim revolutionaries of Egypt.

Referring to the Palestine issue he said that conferences and discussions and shuttles will not solve any problems for the Palestinian people. Islamic heads and Muslim figures must gather and decide, leaving their energy and facilities in the service of Palestine's liberation. Their oil, funds and military forces must be mobilized to liberate Palestine from the yoke of Zionists dissipating revolutionary anger and wrath of Muslims in a unified front.

He stated that the path to follow is that of the path chosen by the Islamic Republic of Iran. As a forerunner, Iran is ready to fight for the liberation of Palestine along side other Muslims, the day Muslims wish it and the imam of the ummah wills it.

Karrubi, referring to the Afghanistan issue and its occupation by the Soviet Army said that the enemies, the United States and Afghanistan's neighboring countries should all realize that such efforts and political exchanges will be valid only when the Afghan nation and their Muslim mujahids and independent forces are represented. They and only they, must choose their own fate. He noted that it seems as if the superpowers are trading on Afghanistan with the United Nations as intermediary. On the one hand, Afghanistan is debated and on the other, the question of the occupied Palestine and the recent reiteration of USSR 's opposition to Israel.

He expressed his dismay at the prohibition of hajj pilgrimage for Afghan Muslims.

In conclusion, the imam's representative and the supervisor of the hajj pilgrimage expressed his hopes for world Muslims to unite so that the shameful apparatus of the United States, USSR and Israel may be uprooted from Islamic countries benefiting from divine succor. Interestingly, there were no problems from Saudi officials during this glorious march.

At the conclusion of the march, a seven-point resolution was issued.

Based on an announcement from the hajj pilgrimage headquarters at Medina, Iranian pilgrims began their voyage to Holy Mecca and Ka'bah this morning. It is estimated that over 50 groups of pilgrims will have left according to the plans. Also, 65,202 Iranian pilgrims arrived in refulgent Medina as of late Friday evening 18 Mordad.

Further Details

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[Text] According to our special correspondent in Medina, a seven-point statement was issued at the end of the march of unity held in Medina in which tens of thousands of Iranian and other pilgrims participated. The statement stresses the need for unity among the Islamic ummah as the only way to combat the plots and tricks of the enemies of Islam and Muslims.

The statement says any utterances that cause dissent and a split among the ranks of Muslims is condemned. Another section of the statement stresses the need for Muslims to back the struggles of the innocent people of Palestine until the regime occupying Jerusalem is totally destroyed and dear Jerusalem is liberated. It states that armed and fierce struggle against the regime occupying Jerusalem is the only way to liberate Jerusalem and condemns any compromise in this effort.

The statement issued by the pilgrims in the marches held in Medina announces its support for the Islamic movement of the Muslim people of Lebanon who have risen against the Zionist regime with the holy Islamic banner.

The statement praises the struggles of the Muslim people of Afghanistan against the Soviet occupiers. The statement condemns the Geneva conference as a means to further strengthen the coup d'etat regime in Afghanistan. It says any decisions on Afghanistan made without the presence of the real representatives of this country's people are illegal.

The statement concludes by supporting the struggles of Muslims all over the world against world aggressors and asks the pilgrims at the hajj to follow the idol-destroying path of Abraham the prophet and, through the great hajj gathering, to shout their demolishing slogans against the idols of the East and West and to pass their message to the ears of the world.

Khomeyni Receives Guardians Council's Kaz'ali

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[Text] Ayatollah Kaz'ali, a theologian member of the Council of Guardians, met with Imam Khomeyni this morning.

Khomeyni's Father-in-Law Dies, Buried in Tehran

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 10, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni's father-in-law, Ayatollah Mirza Muhammad Saqafi, who died of heart ailment Friday, was buried in Tehran Saturday. Ayatollah Saqafi had been in a state of coma and hospitalised at Tehran's heart hospital for several months.

Senior religious and government officials escorted the body to the historic "Hazrat Abdol-Azim" burial ground south of the capital, after Chief Justice Musavi Ardabili performed the last prayers for the body.

One report said that shopkeepers pulled down their shutters in a traditional sign of respect as the convoy passed through their neighbourhood. Some bazaars Friday announced that they would close shops and participate in the funeral. Other social and government figures, including the president, sent messages of condolences to the imam.

The 93-year-old Ayatollah Saqafi, a teacher in the theological school, had written several books on Islamic religious affairs.

Khamene'i Receives SAIRI Report on Visits

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[Text] Members of the delegation of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq [SAIRI], following their return from visits to Libya and Syria, met yesterday with Seyyed 'Ali Khamen"i, president and chairman of the Supreme Defense Council. They informed his excellency of the results of this visit.

During this meeting, the delegation announced the agreement of fraternal Syria to open a SAIRI office in Damascus.

Majlis Speaker Renounces 'Deviants'

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[Text] In a meeting with a group of families of the reconstruction crusade martyrs yesterday, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, Islamic Consultative Assembly speaker, said: You guests are dear to us for two reasons. The first is due to your ties with the reconstruction crusade, which is one of the Islamic Revolution's most successful and powerful institutions. The second is your ties with the martyrs who merit the highest values for this reason.

Hashemi added: Normally, two groups of people exist in the world: one pursues pleasures, lust, property, and wastefulness,

and the other comprises the vast masses of the people and the majority in society who, in principle, strive along the path of God and service to society.

Comparing the families of the martyrs with other families who have lost their children, the Majlis speaker said: Your destiny truly cannot compare with those families whose children have become deviants; such families as those of the Monafeqin [hypocrites; referring to mojahedin], the Tudehites, the Monarchists, the Fada'is whose children have strayed, unfortunately, towards perdition and have been executed because of killing your own children! The people are with you! But those whose children have martyred your sons in the countryside or while serving on the fronts, how do they feel? These people martyred a great many of your children serving on the fronts while safeguarding other combatants. The Monarchists declared just a few days ago that people should come out and gather in rallies on Constitution Day. Foreign radios, too, made intense propaganda efforts to encourage this but when they saw that no one was gathering, the Monafeqin threatened with a great deal of fanfare on foreign radios that they will roll everyone in blood and dust on the streets and elsewhere. However, the Hezbollah arrested these very people and handed them to the guards.

These people have descended to such baseness and subservience that just yesterday, the leader of the Monafeqin -- who up to a few days ago used to gather people around him, as it were, for waging struggle against the United States -- gave an interview and, in response to the question of whether the Monafeqin kills U.S. citizens, strongly defended himself by saying: We have not killed Americans and have nothing to do with them. He strongly denied such things because he fears that if it is proved that the Monafeqin act against the United States their stipend might be discontinued.

These people lived in the realm and were among the people at one time, but now they live abroad and have descended to such abjection for the sake of receiving a stipend from the United States and Saddam that they even deny their own past. In any case, that organization used to wage struggle in Iran. But, now, in order to prevent the suspension of its bread and so that U.S. papers and senators might continue to back him, the leader comes out with such utterances.

Or let us take the leader of the so-called nationalists, who used to struggle for Iran, in his speech the day before yesterday when he said: One of our successes this year was the fact that the United States is continuing to back us. This is being said at a time when everyone feels revulsion when the name of the United States is mentioned.

Even those not waging struggle against the United States falsely claim to be waging struggle against the United States in order to gain some glory. However, these people see glory in being friends of the United States.

This is the fate of those who used to hold meetings here, publish newspapers, and used to kill Muslim children in the name of fighting imperialism. And those who rise against God will have a fate that is nothing else but this!

Rafsanjani Stresses Importance of Islamic Culture
LD101313 Tehran IRNA in English 1247 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 10, IRNA — Iran's Majlis speaker, Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani Saturday told educationalists that Islamic culture was the most important source of spiritualality for the young generation. He called on them to plan on fighting the corrupt Western culture through meditation on the growth of the Islamic Revolution and Islam's cultural revolution in the contemporary world. Rafsanjani was speaking at a meeting of officials from the Ministry of Education who gather annually in Tehran.

The Majlis speaker said paying attention to the cultural and educational aspects of Islam were of utmost value that could direct the society towards divine teachings. He said those who want to dominate the world have studied these fields and have chosen culture as a most fundamental way of infiltrating people's minds.

Rafsanjani said Iran enjoys an old civilization as well as rich Islamic teachings guarded by Muslim theologians and has not succumbed to the influence of Western culture. He said the West has collected vast information on this subject in an effort to plan accurately to influence other people's culture and dominate them. The speaker called for finding a solution to the dominance of Western culture and said Islam is important because it is capable of defeating Western culture.

Musavi: Arab Summit 'Failure' 'Expected'
LD111106 Tehran IRNA in English 1045 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 11, IRNA — Premier Mir Hoseyn Musavi said Sunday that the failure of the so-called Arab summit at Casablanca was something that was expected by political observers since it was overshadowed by the absence of progressive Arab states. The prime minister was speaking to reporters after the cabinet had concluded its session Sunday morning.

"At the Casablanca summit, we once again saw a gathering of the region's reactionary regimes which were pursuing their policy of compromise with Israel. Over the past five years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has constantly condemned any conciliatory positions regarding the usurper Israel," the prime minister added.

"The other issue for the so-called Casablanca summit was to obtain further coordination of reactionary regimes' policies with the policies of Saddam, and they even issued declarations condemning the Islamic Republic. We were not surprised by this, because once a conference with these participants is held in Morocco under the chairmanship of King Hassan, what could be expected of them?" the prime minister asked.

Musavi further said people's participation in the forthcoming presidential elections affected both Iran's domestic and international policies. "Foreign mass media, (counterrevolutionary) groups, their masters and all those who oppose the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran are making a lot of effort so as to distance the Iranian people from Iran's socio-political life."

"Our revolution became victorious once our people put their daily problems aside and dealt with the country's socio-political issues and regarded these matters as directly related. The objective of the big powers in view of our presidential election is not who is going to win or lose, but that they make the Iranian people reluctant to participate in the election," the prime minister added. "Therefore, participating in the election is in fact a sign of people directly confronting the big and imperialist powers," he concluded.

Iraqi Branch of Syrian Ba'th Party Condemns Summit

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[Text] Damascus, August 9, IRNA — The command of the Iraq branch of Syria's Ba'th party, in a statement released here Thursday called the Arab summit in Morocco a plot in line with the Camp David accord to do away with the issue of Palestine and to impose an unwanted compromise on Arab nations. The statement urged the Iraqi Armed Forces to try and topple the Iraqi regime which is behind this plot.

Meanwhile, over the past 48 hours, other organizations, including the National Front for Salvation of Palestine released similar statements condemning the Arab summit calling it a treason against the Palestinian ideal.

Tehran Criticizes Arab Summit Results

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Washington pinned much hope on the results of the capitulation summit which has ended its meetings in Casablanca. Washington's harvest has not been more than that reaped by the summit's participants. The only outcome of this conference has been disappointment and eternal shame for the participating rulers and compromisers. It is strange that some of these rulers known for their perfidiousness were scared to be disgraced like those attending the conference; they sent deputies. Even those waiting for the results in their countries have not gained anything except disappointment and disgrace.

The United States was hoping to gain much from this conference. Despite its obsequious bows, it did not gain anything but empty talk which does not carry any practical weight. The reality is not what the White House chiefs had imagined it to be. If the value of resolutions is judged by such criteria as the feasibility of their applications and their concomitance with the circumstances and realities, the Casablanca summit resolutions are worthless because of their impracticability.

The Casablanca summit might have been sucessful if the current circumstances had been different. This summit's resolutions might have been considered practical if the nation had been defeated and the people had digressed from the struggle and confrontation field. If these conditions applied, the Casablanca summit might have been considered congruent because the world would have called it the capitulation summit in submission circumstances. However, under our current healthy conditions never before witnessed by the nation, the weakest person of this nation is shaking the walls of the White House. Today, conforming to Islam has become the strongest weapon among all arms produced by the East and the West. These days, if one of us says a word, the whole world pays attention and the despots and tyrants start trembling.

At such a time a peaceful or political solution or anything similar is merely empty worthless talk; rulers, conferences, and resolutions are valueless. Today's rulers are those who rule under the patronage of the White House and combat Islam with imperialist weapons and so far have been unsuccessful. A real conference is one convened by those storming the enemy positions in Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, or any other Islamic country, and its resolutions are those taken with the gun by those who are confident and optimistic about their people's causes. These are the people who will display the nation's glorious heritage and set up new standards to replace those which used to revolve around the sultan. Today's sultan is the revolution which is spreading its wings over the whole of the Islamic world and winning the respect of the enemies of arrogance.

Statement on War Criticized

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] In contravention of the reasonable rule, the Casablanca conference mounted the judge's seat and passed judgement on the Islamic Republic. The departure from the rule is that the judgement was passed in the presence of one party and the absence of the other, even in the absence of the Arab parties who understand the war situation and know who caused it and those who have primary interest in its continuation.

It would have been more appropriate before the issuance of the condemnation to listen to what the other side had to say in accordance with customary court practice. If the participants could not listen to the truth it would have been more appropriate for them to examine matters closely and to ponder fully the issue before passing judgement and deeming the Islamic Republic responsible for all that is happening.

If matters are such, and the issue of right and wrong is a matter relative to some Arab regimes, if issues are turned upside down in this tragic manner in the eyes of the judges and the conference's resolutions, if everything takes place in keeping with the desires of the aggressor, if justice evaporates with such speed and the wrongdoer is deemed the wronged one and the wronged deemed wrongdoer with such haste, if such is the image of the conference which met in Casablanca, then they are fools who attended it since they have decided what disagrees with their reason and contravenes the facts.

We wonder: What is the value of a resolution which carries no credibility and is not based on practicality. What is the value of a resolution adopted by rulers who gave their consciences a permanent vacation before going to Casablanca? The answer comes quickly: The conferees will wait for the echo of their

resolutions on the battlefronts since this is the only means capable of awakening their minds from their long slumber.

Beirut Islamic Front Condemns Summit

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[Text] Beirut, Aug. 9, IRNA — The Islamic SIDA [expansion hran IRNA in English 1834 GMT 9 Aug 85
summit in Casablanca referring to it as an assembly of people who not only are not representatives from their nations but do not even have the courage to speak for themselves at the summit. The Islamic Front said in a communique on Thursday that it would condemn any resolution issued by the Arab summit.

Lebanon's Fadlallah Denounces Summit

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[Excerpt] During yesterday's prayers in Lebanon, Friday imams stressed the need for unity of Muslims to confront the Zionists and denounced the convening of the extraordinary Arab summit in Morocco.

Scholar Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, Friday imam of the Imam al-Rida Mosque, during Friday prayers yesterday urged the toppling of the ruling regime in Lebanon. He affirmed that the agreement to the proposals of those who paved the way for the entrance of Israel into Lebanon constitutes an acceptance of the Zionist entity's demands. Fadlallah pointed out that resistance to the Zionists and to NATO forces was carried out by the Islamic groups in Lebanon. He said: The Muslims in Lebanon are continuing their struggle against compromise solutions which are aimed at selling southern Lebanon and Palestine to the Zionist enemy.

His excellency emphasized that as long as there is even one person who raises the slogans "Death to international arrogance," and "Death to Israel and the United States," the struggle will continue against capitulatory proposals and Muslims will unify their policies in accordance with the legitimate duty and the need to follow the Islamic method.

Montazeri Notes 'Self-Sufficiency' Not Yet Achieved

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 10, IRNA — Education Minister Kazem Akrami, Construction Jihad Minister Bijan Zangeneh and a number of officials from the two ministries met with Ayatollah Montazeri Friday.

Ayatollah Montazeri praised the efforts by the construction jihad to provide the most deprived parts of the country with basic facilities, against all shortages and hardships caused by the arrogant forces' plots.

The Ayatollah added that "I was very much concerned about the destiny of the construction jihad after it became a ministry because of all the red-tape and bureaucracy that exist in the ministries. It seems however that the construction jihad has not been affected," said Ayatollah Montazeri.

Referring to the ex-regime's policies regarding agriculture and industries the Ayatollah said that it is a pity that in a country like Iran with its rich water and land resources self-sufficiency has not yet been achieved in this field.

Ayatollah Montazeri called on the government to support the literate and productive segments of the society and to provide the grounds for promotion in these fields. "Only in this way the revolution might be able to serve as a pattern for other oppressed nations and the result would be the export of the Islamic revolution to the whole world."

Chief Justice Meets With Information Minister

LD091346 Tehran IRNA in English 1239 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 9, IRNA — Iran's information minister, Hoj. Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri met with Chief Justice Ayatollah Abdolkarim Musavi-Ardabili Thursday.

Reyshahri briefed Ardabili on the activities of the ministry and called for further coordination between the ministry and the (?justice) system.

Deputy commander of the Islamic revolution's committees, Hoj. Saleh, and Majlis deputies from Kahnuj and Jiroft (both in Kerman Prov.) also met separately with the chief justice Thursday.

Guardians Council Member on Candidates' Criteria

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[Text] Ayatollah Khaz'ali, a theologian member of the Guardians Council, in his pre-sermon speech at Tehran's Friday prayers spoke about the importance of extensive participation in presidential elections, the performance of which is a religious duty. He discussed the reasons for qualifying 3 out of 50 competent candidates for the presidential elections.

Pointing out that in Western countries 3 out of 250 applicants are elected, and that during the previous Islamic Republic elections 8 out of 120 applicants and 4 out of 71 applicants had been considered qualified, he said:

[Announcer-read] The Guardians Council, mindful of its judicial duties and divorced from any short-term concerns of expediency, according to Principle 99 of the Constitution and other such principles, has carried out the duty of examining the qualifications of the applicants and declaring which are competent.

Based on this, we would have announced none of the 50 applicants competent were none qualified; and vice versa: We would declare all 50 applicants competent if each of them were competent. We do not base our criteria on numbers and ratios.

Foreign Ministry Official Leaves for Sudan

LD110610 Tehran IRNA in English 0605 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 11, IRNA — Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam left Tehran for Khartoum Sunday morning for an official visit to Sudan. He is heading a Foreign Ministry delegation.

Sheykh ol-Eslam, the first Iranian official to visit Sudan after the downfall of Ja'far Numayri's regime, will hold talks on the establishment of ties between the two countries. Iran and Sudan will then officially establish ties if the talks in Sudan prove to be successful.

Expansion of Ties Sought

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[Text] Foreign Ministry political under secretary Sheykh ol-Eslam departed for Sudan this morning. Before his departure from Tehran he gave an interview to a Central News Unit correspondent in the course of which he referred to the enthusiasm of the Muslim Sudanese masses for the victory of the Islamic Republic and their support for. He also cited the subservience of Numayri to imperialism and Zionism and the severence of relations by the Islamic Republic with the Sudanese Government on 13 June 1982. He then alluded to the close ties between Numayri and Saddam and the dispatch of Sudanese mercenaries to fight Islamic forces, adding: Once the ground was paved for the return of Sudan to the Islamic community, the devoted Iranian nation welcomed the fall of Numayri's reckless regime. Considering that Sudan is an Islamic country and that the great majority of the population are Muslims, we decided to declare our intention to expand our relations with Sudan.

Following the expression of the sincere desire of the Sudanese Government to achieve this objective — the point which was clearly reflected in a message from the Sudanese foreign minister to Velayati — it was decided to embark upon this visit. We hope that bilateral relations will expand on the basis of Islamic ties, with the Islamic Republic and Sudan exerting fruitful cooperation toward promoting Islamic objectives.

Industries Minister Leads Delegation to CSSR

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[Excerpt] Industries Minister Mr Shafe'i left for the CSSR this morning at the head of a delegation comprising deputy ministers and representatives of the Ministries of Heavy Industries, Agriculture and Commerce. The delegation will take part at the joint annual session of Iran and the CSSR.

Deputy Foreign Minister To Attend DPRK Celebrations

LD101237 Tehran IRNA in English 1225 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 9 IRNA — Deputy Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati met and conferred with the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran Saturday. Besharati, as president's special envoy, is due to take part in ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the independence of Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Departs 11 Aug

LD111818 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1642 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] At the formal invitation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Government, Deputy Foreign Minister Besharati, left for Pyongyang this afternoon as the special envoy of our country's president, at the head of a high-ranking diplomatic delegation. He is to attend the special ceremonies on the anniversary of that country's independence and also to strengthen mutual relations.

Foreign Ministry Official Meets With ROK Minister

LD110705 Tehran IRNA in English 0655 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 11, IRNA — Iran's Foreign Ministry Director-General for Asian and Oceanian Affairs Ali 'Ahani, currently visiting the Republic of Korea, met and conferred with Korean deputy commerce and industry minister Saturday.

During the meeting, the two sides stressed on the exchange of visits between Iranian and Korean officials and further emphasised on the expansion of bilateral economic and commercial relations.

'Ahani is carrying messages from Iran's Foregin Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati for his counterparts in the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Brunei, Papua Guinea and Nepal.

IRNA Cites Ba'th Party on U.S., Egypt Exercises

LD091344 Tehran IRNA in English 1251 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] Damascus, Aug. 9, IRNA — The regional command of Syria's Ba'th Party announced Thursday that America has mobilized its forces in the region to protect the regimes of Saddam, Mubarak, King Husayn and also 'Arafat as well as to encourage them to maintain their position of compromise with the United States.

On America's military exercises of "Bright Star 85", the command of Syria's Ba'th Party, in a statement issued Thursday, said that the main objective of America in these exercises is to train its "Rapid Deployment Forces" to maintain its aggressive policies against the countries in the region.

The statement also referred to the participation of Egypt, Jordan, Oman and Somalia in the military exercises, saying that the maneuvers is on the basis of the aggressive policies of America and the Jerusalem-occupying regime.

Former Egyptian Defense Minister Interviewed

LD092227 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] General Shadhli, former Egyptian chief of joint staff and minister of defense, in an interview with the IRNA in Algeria, has stated with reference to the fears and alarm of the regime of Husni Mubarak at the growth of the Islamic movement in Egypt: From ancient times and those of the crusades Islam in Egypt has stood as a strong shield and as impervious to influence in the face of the deviations of rulers and the colonialist forces. Considering that the present regime is pursuing a path which is contrary to that of the Muslim people of Egypt, it is thus natural that Islamic movements should be growing. He stressed: Experience has shown that the present regime, however much it may intensify its arbitrary actions against the Muslims, would still not be able to reach its objectives and prevent the movement of the Muslims.

The former Egyptian minister of defense confirmed the presence of Egyptian troops on the battlefronts of the war of Iraq against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the transfer of weapons from Egypt's army to Iraq, in connection with the resumption of relations between Egypt and Iraq, and said: The Iraqi regime -- which once had stressed more than any other Arab country that it was necessary to punish Egypt -- now that it finds itself in danger from Iran's attacks and in order to seek support, has taken refuge in the regime of Egypt which itself is suffering from isolation.

In this interview the former defense minister referred to the "Bright Star 85" maneuvers which are taking place in Egypt with the participation of U.S. forces, and said he believed that these exercises benefited the United States and only harmed Egypt and the region, adding: The United States is following two chief military and political aims. In connection with the participation of the military experts of the Zionist regime in these exercises, he stated: Since 1980 Israel has actually been taking part in these exercises because U.S. laws have given Jewish citizens of the United States the right to hold U.S. passports as well as Israeli ones at the same time. In connection with Egypt's critical economic and social situation the former defense minister said: As a result of the wrong economic policies of the present rulers in Cairo, Egypt's foreign loans which in 1973 amounted to $2 billion, now amount to more than $35 billion.

Palestinian Delegation Holds Press Conference

GF110700 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, members of the Palestinian delegation from the National Liberation Front headed by Colonel Abu Musa, which has been visiting our country, yesterday held a press conference with local and foreign journalists and answered their questions.

During this press conference, first Abu Musa commented on the invitation extended to them by our country's officials for them to visit Iran and said: From the beginning we have had the same ideas and thoughts about many basic and general issues as the Islamic Revolution in Iran and we have been coordinated with this revolution.

We understand the Islamic Republic of Iran's anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist and anti-reactionary stance. We feel that the revolution of the Palestinian fighters and the Iranian Revolution have the same thoughts on a united resistance and warlike front. He added: The purpose of our visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran was first, to establish bonds of friendship and a strong coordination with the Islamic Revolution in Iran, and second, to take a stand against the Arab summit in Morocco.

Abu Musa said: The unchanging and steadfast position of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the face of the Zionist enemy has been proven to us and upon our return to Syria and Lebanon, we will give the good news to the Palestinian fighters that their brothers in Iran back their revolution.

Ahmad Jibril also commented on U.S. backing for the Zionist enemy and said: We believe that the occupying regime of Jerusalem is considered a threat, not only for the Palestinian people, but also for all freedom movements in the world. Therefore, we need the help of all Islamic forces and freedom movements. He added: With the success of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, religion was for the first time used as a viable means to gain freedom. Without a doubt we in the Palestinian resistance movement will follow this important step.

Abu Mahir, another of the Palestinian leaders, gave a speech and commented on the fact that participants in the Arab summit meeting in Morocco are comprised of representatives of the reactionary Arab regimes who are deeply allied with the United States. He said the aims of these leaders are to carry out U.S. plans in the region and to thwart the Palestinian Arab struggle and the Muslim masses. He warned the reactionary Arab regimes and stressed that the results of this summit are void as far as they were concerned. He said: We stress that 'Arafat is not the representative of the Palestinian people and his leadership of the Palestinian people is illegal.

Brother Abu al-Hayja' praised the help of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its efforts to end the fighting in the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut. He said: In addition to sending Islamic Republic delegations to Syria and Lebanon, the edict of Grand Ayatollah Montazeri had a strong and positive affect among the Palestinians and Lebanese. He concluded by thanking Syria for its efforts in this matter as well.

Further Details

LD111005 Tehran IRNA in English 0814 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 11, IRNA — The visiting Palestinian delegation of the Popular Front for the Salvation of Palestine, concluded its eight-day visit to Iran Sunday morning and left Tehran. During their stay in Iran, the delegation met and held talks with Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi, Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati and a number of other officials.

Speaking at a press conference Saturday, the head of the delegation, Abu Musa [Sa'id Musa Muragha], said that the Palestinian revolution was beside the Islamic Revolution of Iran in its struggle against U.S. imperialism, Zionism and reactionaries. He emphasised the solidarity of the Palestinian revolution with the Islamic revolution of Iran and said that Iran was a base for friends of Palestine.

Referring to the common stance of the two revolutions, Abu Musa said that it was the first time the Popular Front for the Salvation of Palestine was recognised by a non-Arab country.

Another leading member of the delegation, Ahmad Jabril, said that the liberation of Palestine could be materialised only through the cooperation of all Arab and Islamic forces as well as liberation movements in the world. He hailed the endeavors of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the liberation of Qods and Palestine and stressed that the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran has no doubt been effective in further increasing the vigilance of the world Muslims.

A member of the Political Bureau of the front, Abu Mahir Yamani, condemned the outcome of the Casablanca Arab summit conference and said that the meeting was a plot against Palestine's aspiration and in the interest of U.S. imperialism and Zionism. He said that Yasir 'Arafat was not the representative of the Palestinian people, adding that they were trying to free the Palestine Liberation Organisation free from 'Arafat.

Meanwhile Farhan Abu al-Hayja', member of Al-Sa'iqah faction, praised Iran's efforts to halt clashes at Beirut's Palestinian camps and also to help the rehabilitation of those camps.

Asked about the possibility of the opening of the front's office in Tehran, Jibril said that they full believed that the Islamic Republic was a base of support for struggles against Zionism. Therefore, he added, it was up to Iranian officials to decide in this respect. He denied the front's involvement in the recent hijacking of a TWA jetliner but stressed that they understood the reason for embarking on such measures.

Palestine and Palestinians have been taken hostage by the Zionists for the past 37 years, Jibril said, noting that the world public opinion should realise why Mostazafin (the oppressed) hijacked airplanes.

Abu Musa, Delegation Depart

GF110950 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Excerpt] Colonel Abu Musa, secretary general of the provisional leadership of Fatah [title as heard] left Tehran today. He had arrived in Iran leading a delegation from the Palestinian National Salvation Front. During their stay in Tehran, the delegation members held meetings with Brother Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi, Brother Foreign Minister Velayati, and other senior officials.

NVOI Condemns Israel

TA121030 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Station commentary: "Our Homeland's People Support the Palestinian People's Just Struggles"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Talks with a high-ranking Palestinian delegation have ended in Tehran. This delegation visited our homeland in order to reiterate the very close links between the Palestinian revolution, the Palestinians who are engaged in heroic struggles against the Israeli aggressors, and the Iranian nation. The Iranian nation always supported and continues to support the Palestinian nation, and this support has special significance for the Palestinian people.

The number of victims of Zionist terrorism in the occupied Arab lands is growing daily. Endeavoring to suppress the Palestinian people's resistance, the Israelis — like bandits — are cruelly torturing unarmed people, destroying villages, and killing their inhabitants. Our homeland's people justly consider these measures by Israel's leaders to be fascist measures. Our homeland's people know that the perpetration of all these crimes and acts of banditry by the Israelis in the Arab lands would not have been possible without the unstinting support of America, which condemns Israel's measures verbally but endorses them in practice.

Of course, when progressive mankind expresses concern and indignation over so many crimes by the Israelis, this does not suit the taste of the Americans. In cases when a resolution condemning Israel's acts against the Arab peoples was put forward at the Security Council, America often used its veto power in favor of Israel, under the fictitious pretext of the so-called reciprocal responsibility of both sides in Middle East developments. By this means, America is trying to place the aggressor, Israel, on the same level as the victims of that aggression, the Palestinian people. Such a U.S. approach is indicative of Washington's intentions to gain superiority and domination in the Middle East, as well as of its readiness to use even those who, 40 years after the victory over accursed fascism, have adopted Nazis methods and are reviving the policy of subjugating nations and peoples.

Throughout the era of the occupation of Palestinian territory, the Israelis have not constructed even a single industrial unit in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza. Instead, employing the same methods of the Nazis and fascists, they have constructed various torture camps and prisons for the Arabs. About 3 years ago, they built a prison near the town of Janin which they hypocritically called a center for interrogation, whereas in reality this was and remains a center of torture — exactly like the Evin torture chamber which leaders of the Islamic regime have named the Islamic university. It is in this torture chamber that the Israelis, like the torturers of Khomeyni's regime, employ various forms of savage tortures to bring their captives to their knees.

Last year Israel built another prison for 800 prisoners in Nabulus, on whose first floor the local hospital is situated. This prison was even shown to journalists. In the Ramallah town prison, the Israelis — in order to break down Palestinian women — use poisonous gases which cause skin fissures, respiratory ailments, and loss of eyesight.

In order to understand Israel's savage and inhuman acts in the occupied Arab lands, it is sufficient to note that, for example, in the year 1346 [21 Mar 1967-20 Mar 1968] in the occupied West Bank of Jordan about 87 percent of the inhabitants of refugee camps and 64 percent of the population of Arab towns were detained and imprisoned. Actually, it should be stated that they constituted an entire nation.

In the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza, more than 1.3 million Palestinian Arabs live in dire conditions under Israel's captivity. The crime of these people is that they want to free their land from the occupiers, and live according to their own national traditions, but not under Israeli clubs and machineguns. Right now, in 20 prisons in the occupied Arab lands and Israel, there are more than 4,000 political prisoners, both Palestinian and Lebanese. In these prisons, every prisoner is allocated 1.5 sq meters.

Our statement that the Israelis have adopted the very path of the Nazis is a reality acknowledged by them too, because they consider themselves a special race and the Almighty's chosen people. It is by putting forward this so-called doctrine that Israel gives itself the right to occupy the land of other peoples. Ultimately, this is an impudent rejection of the rights of a nation which wants to live independently and honorably, and which wants to have its own special national government.

At the session of the international commission investigating Israel's crimes in the occupied Arab lands held early this year in Bonn, many of the speakers, referring to lessons from World War II, justly noted that the Israeli criminals cannot shirk a historical responsibility. The participants in the session asked all organizations, figures, and governments to induce Israel to cleanse its filthy presence from the occupied Arab lands.

Despite the problems stemming from the war desired by America and Khomeyni, and despite the domination of the bloody Velayat-e Faqih regime, our homeland's people support the just and legitimate struggles of the Palestinian people.

Seminar on Rebuilding War-Torn Areas Scheduled

LD101402 Tehran IRNA in English 1350 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 10, IRNA — An international seminar for the reconstruction and renovation of war-stricken regions is to be held in Tehran. The six-day seminar which will open on the sixth of March, 1986, will be attended by experts from all over the world, the official responsible for the holding of the seminar announced Saturday.

He added that the renovation of war-stricken regions in other countries had been a hard work and uncertain results were obtained after having spent large sums of money. "This is why we are going to study the matter from every possible angle before embarking on the actual work, and this seminar will be helpful in this respect," the official added.

"The renovation and reconstruction of areas affected by the war in Iran requires billions of rials and a great deal of time. Under such circumstances, we are to benefit from the best available management so that duplications will be avoided," he added.

Deciding factors which will affect the reconstruction of the war-stricken regions will include full consideration for Iran's cultural tradition as well as religion, the official said.

On the objectives of the seminar, the official said that the first aim is to benefit from others' experience in this respect. "The seminar will provide a chance to study and review the work of other countries in reconstruction of war-stricken regions, and finally, the seminar will discuss the question of reconstruction while the imposed war is going on," he said.

He further said Iran was the only country in the world attempting to reconstruct its war-damaged regions while the war was still going on. For this purpose, he said, Iran would call on well-known experts in the world to attend this seminar. About 200 such participants are expected to take part in the seminar.

Navy Chief Claims Iraqi Troop Power at 10 Percent

LD101820 Tehran IRNA in English 1750 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Bushehr, Bushehr Province, August 10, IRNA — The commander of Iran's Navy, Captain Malekzadegan said here Saturday that the Iraqi regime had resorted to using advanced missiles and other weapons of the global arrogance, since it understood that its forces were unable to directly confront the Iranian Muslim combatants.

Captain Malekzadegan was speaking to personnel of the armed forces and police participating in the flag hoisting ceremony at Bushehr Marine base.

He added that the global arrogance and the Ba'thist regime of Iraq initially calculated that such advanced weapons would destroy 90 percent of Iran's military ability.

The enemy planned to destroy all vital resources and connection lines in Iran, the captain said, noting that the Iranian fighters' creativity and innovation in the fronts have foiled all these plots. He added that at the moment the power of the Iraqi forces is 10 percent.

Navy Chief Installs New Commanders

LD111036 Tehran IRNA in English 0845 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Bushehr, Bushehr Prov., Aug. 11, IRNA — Commander of Iran's Naval Forces Captain Mohammad Hoseyn Malekzadegan announced here Saturday that the Iranian Navy was ready to confront the plots of the international arrogance in the Persian Gulf region. He stressed that safeguarding the security of the region was a duty of Persian Gulf states and noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran will not stand any foreign power in this region.

Captain Malekzadegan said that extensive plans were underway to defend Iran's waterways and added that Islamic combatants were capable of crushing any plots in this respect.

The Navy commander arrived in Bushehr Saturday to inspect military preparedness of the naval forces and to introduce Cap-

tain Alireza Khosrojerdi as the commander of the Bushehr-Kharg second naval base and Captain Pur Hoseyn Zadeh, former commander of the base, as the commander of the joint sea-coast headquarters. The headquarters was established 18 months ago upon the instructions of the president to further harmonize operations in the region and naval command.

The headquarters, also responsible for supervision over all operations in the Persian Gulf and Oman Sea, is run by the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps, and the personnel of the Navy, Air Force and Gendarmerie.

Iraq To Train Former SAVAK Agents in Sabotage

LD091535 Tehran IRNA in English 1500 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., AUG. 9, IRNA — Iraq's Embassy in Kuwait recently issued visa to ten Iranian anti-revolutionaries, living in Kuwait to go to Iraq. Iraq's Islamic Amal organization quoted officials working in Iraq's Embassy in Kuwait as having said. [Sentence as received]

They say that the Iranian anti-revolutionaries are remnants of Iran's outlawed intelligence organization (SAVAK) now living in Kuwait. Informed sources say that the Iraqi regime plans to train these people for sabotage and bomb planting in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. According to the sources Iraq intends to carry out terrorist activities in S. Arabia during the hajj pilgrimage and to blame Iranian pilgrims for them.

SAIRI Official Claims Libyan, Syrian Support

LD111811 Tehran IRNA in English 1740 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 11, IRNA — Syria and Libya have voiced support for Muslim Iraqi dissidents, an Iraqi revolutionary who has recently visited the two countries said Sunday.

In a meeting with Foreign Minister Velayati of the Islamic Republic, Dr. Ja'fari an official of the Supreme Assembly of Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) said he had spoken with Syrian and Libyan leaders on the atrocities of the Iraqi Government. He said the "two friendly" countries voiced support for the SAIRI.

Velayati called on SAIRI to safeguard its Islamic values because he said they are fundamental in mobilizing the masses.

In another development, the SAIRI delegation met with Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani Sunday evening. The delegation briefed Rafsanjani on their talks with Syrian and Libyan offcials, terming them as successful.

In response, Rafsanjani expressed appreciation for the cooperation offered to the delegation by officials from the two countries and said that SAIRI should play an active role in the process of the imposed war, as it did during the recent Qods-4 offensive. In conclusion, Rafsanjani stressed that SAIRI held considerable and great influence among the Iraqi nation. He also called for the mobilization of forces in facing the Ba'thist regime.

Iraqi Kurds Kill 3, Capture Equipment

LD101055 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] On the basis of a report received from the Khatam ol-Anbiya Headquarters yesterday, the Iraqi Muslim mujahidin, in the course of some infiltrating operations in the Hawr al-Hawizah region, attacked five enemy floating outposts and inflicted some losses and casualties on the Iraqi forces.

During these operations, which were carried out in order to consolidate the positions captured during the Jerusalem IV operations, the Iraqi Muslim mujahidin killed at least three enemy mercenaries and succeeded in capturing intact some light weapons, personal equipment, 15 boats and one radio set.

Further Details

GF101852 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Reports received from the Khatam ol-Anbiya Operational Headquarters have said that Iraqi Muslim mujahidin yesterday carried out assault operations in the Hawr al-Hawizah region and were able to attack five floating outposts belonging to the forces of the ruling Ba'thist-Zionist regime in Iraq. They inflicted heavy losses and damage on these forces.

The reports added that the Iraqi mujahidin — during these operations which were carried out to strengthen and consolidate the positions which they captured during the "Jerusalem IV" operations — were able to kill at least 30 of the enemy mercenaries. They also captured quantities of light weapons, personal equipment, 15 boats, and 1 radio set, all in good condition.

Clashes in North

GF110652 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Iraqi Muslim Kurdish revolutionaries attacked two mechanized vehicles belonging to the forces of the tyrannical regime in Iraq on a road in northern Iraq last night. They killed 11 soldiers in the vehicles. In this attack, the Muslim revolutionaries also captured several weapons.

IRNA Details Attacks

LD102204 Tehran IRNA in English 1818 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, August 10, IRNA — Iraqi Kurdish Muslim revolutionaries Friday attacked two Iraqi forces' vehicles on Paveh-Nur Shaykh axis, in the western front, killing 11 government troops and seizing some weapons as booty.

In related news Iraqi Muslim mujahidin in a penetration operation Friday attacked five floating outposts belonging to the Iraqi forces in Hawr al-Hawizah region in the south, killing at least 30 Ba'thist soldiers and seizing a number of light weapons, 15 boats and a wireless set as booty.

Tehran Reports Iraqi Air Strike Against Kurds

LD101202 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] According to a report received from Iraq, in continuation of the oppressing policies of the Iraqi regime against that country's people, last Wednesday several fighter planes of Saddam's armed forces bombed Iraqi Kurdish villages near the Turkish border. During this attack at least 12 Iraqi Muslim villagers, mostly children, were either martyred or wounded.

Reportage on Combat Operation in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,191

LD091615 Tehran IRNA in English 1550 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran Aug. 9 IRNA — A military communique published here Friday said that the Islamic combatants of Iran had launched an offensive against the enemy forces in the Marivan region in the west of the country on Thursday [8 August] and inflicted some casualties and losses on them.

Joint Staff Communique Number 2191 enumerated enemy losses as follows: 30 armament positions, 70 weapons of various types, over 100 casualties, and setting ablaze a number of enemy vehicles.

In the northwestern fronts, the communique said, 80 enemy troops were killed or wounded in Sidokan region and a number of their munitions depots were set afire. Enemy aerial aggressions were thwarted in this region, it said.

In the western fronts exchange of artillery and mortar fire continued between the two sides being more intense in Qasr-e Shirin and Maymak.

In the southern fronts also the two sides traded artillery fire. Enemy's armoured vehicles movements came under Iranian fire in these fronts minimising their activities. A number of enemy soldiers were killed and several of their bunkers destroyed as a result of the Iranian fire.

Abadan and Khorramshahr were under long range enemy fire over the 24 hours preceding Friday evening. Four houses were damaged in Abadan and fire broke out in one sector in Khorramshahr.

Iraqi Attack Foiled

GF100900 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] The Khatam ol-Anbiya Joint Operations Headquarters of the Army of the Islamic Republic and forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has announced that our Islamic forces last Thursday [8 August] foiled a desperate counterattack by the forces of the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi regime in the area of the Jerusalem V operations. The statement added that Muslim combatants forces the Saddamists to retreat after inflicting heavy losses on them.

Iraq Attacks Abadan, Khorramshahr

GF101450 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Texx] During the past 24 hours the residential and civilian parts of the resisting city of Abadan were the targets of sporadic shelling by heavy long-range artillery fire of the aggressive merceneries of the Ba'thist Zionist regime. According to the Central News Unit, during the shelling which was heavier in the morning, eight houses were damaged in Abadan. During the same period the city of Khorramshahr was also the target of heavy artillery fire by the enemy.

Communique No 2,192

LD101647 Tehran IRNA in English 1625 GMT 10 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran Aug. 10, IRNA — Iran's Gendarmerie forces killed and wounded 20 Iraqi troops in the vicinity of the Arvand River, said the joint staff in its Communique 2192.

Reporting combat in the central front the command said the Muslim combatants strengthened their positions while controlling Iraqi movements and shelling their positions. Iraqi forces suffered casualties and damages in the region.

In the central front artillery exchanges between the two sides continued with the Iraqis suffering the destruction of a number of positions and the death and wounding of a number of their troops. Heaviest confrontations in the area were reported from Mehran and Maymak.

In the southern front the Armed Forced of the Islamic Republic of Iran shelled Iraqi armored units, killing and wounding a group of enemy soldiers.

The long range artillery fire of Iraqi troops damaged eight houses in the southern port of Abadan, the command said.

Iraq Shells Abadan, Khorramshahr

GF111359 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] According to a Central News Unit correspondent, during the past 24 hours, the criminal mercenaries of the ruling Zionist regime of Iraq sporadically attacked various parts of the resisting cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr with heavy long-range artillery fire, which resulted in damage to residential areas in Abadan.

Communique No 2,193

LD111735 Tehran IRNA in English 1618 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] Tehran, Aug 11, IRNA — The Muslim combatants of Iran killed and wounded 135 Iraqi troops in the past 24 hours throughout the war fronts, reported the Joint Staff Command in its Communique 2193 Sunday.

The command said 95 of the Iraqis were killed or wounded in the northern front after Iranian artillery opened fire on enemy supply routes and military convoys. A number of tanks were damaged or destroyed in the attack.

Another 35 Iraqis were killed and wounded in the west when Iranian shelling destroyed 30 front line bunkers and halted enemy movements in the Halaleh region. Iraqi patrols spotted in the Kani-Sheykh area came under Iranian fire and were forced to flee, the command reported.

It said Gendarmerie forces killed another five Iraqi troops in the vicinity of the Arvand River and destroyed their bunkers while in the nearby port of Abadan 21 houses were damaged in Iraqi artillery shelling. In other areas of the southern front the enemy movements were halted in Kushk and Hoseyniyeh, the command said.

Iraqi POW's To Meet Relatives

GF110528 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 11 Aug 85

[Text] The War Propaganda Headquarters has announced that Iraqi POW's in the Takhti prisoners' camp will meet with their relatives today. Local and foreign journalists can go to this camp at 0900 today [0530 GMT] to prepare reports.

POW: U.S., Israel Main Enemies

LD111744 Tehran IRNA in English 1617 GMT 11 Aug 85

["Freed Iranian POW Victim of Iraqi Torture" — IRNA headline]

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Aug. 11, IRNA — An Iranian POW recently released from Iraqi prisons stated that it was during his captivity that "we truely understood that our main enemies are the United States and Israel."

The Iranian POW, Seyyed Khorshidi has lost his eyesight due to brutal torture and the lack of medical care which are among various forms of torture and psychological pressure they are subjected to.

"Despite all forms of torture, flogging under cold water in winter and playing of lewd and seductive songs as a mental pressure, Iranian POW's still hold regularly and daily prayers," he said.

NVOI Commentary Assails Oman-U.S. Links

TA091453 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 7 Aug 85

[Station commentary:"Oman's Role in Washington's Aggressive Plans"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The U.S. Rapid Deployment Forces are once again conducting exercises for the landing of Marines on Oman's territory. The Central Command, which is responsible for the periodic "Bright Star 85" maneuvers, and in which units of Oman's army are also participating, has called this maneuver desert training. In reality, these maneuvers are coastal maneuvers, whose main operational areas are the shores of the Gulf of Oman and the island of Masira.

Maneuvers by interventionist U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region have always aroused justified concern among the nations of this region. Our nation has still not forgotten how several years ago the United States used one of Oman's southern bases to land Marines in our homeland under the code name of [words indistinct] in order to allegedly rescue the American hostages from Tehran. [Passage indistinct]

Some time ago an interview with Qabus, the sultan of Oman, was published in the Spanish newspaper *EL PAIS*. In this interview he explicitly said: There will never be a U.S. military base on the soil of the Sultanate of Oman. Even the Western supporters of Sultan Qabus called this interview shameful, since the existence of such bases on Oman's territory is so obvious that Qabus's remarks are tantamount to disavowal of the facts. It seems that Oman's subservient sultan learned such impudent and hypocritical lies during his period of education in British schools. In these schools they allegedly teach the art of diplomacy and military technique to aristocrats and the remnants of families holding concessions in what remains of Britain's disintegrated empire.

The reality is that this is not the first year that the U.S. Government is transforming Oman into Washington's military base. It is most likely that Oman will be assigned the determining role in ensuring the expansion of the (?presence) of U.S. Rapid Deployment Forces in the Persian Gulf.

According to official figures, during the last 5 years the Washington Administration spent more than $100 million for the construction and modernization of airfields and other military installations in (?Oman). On the whole the United States has (?allocated) up to $1.5 billion for this purpose. [Passage indistinct] The Zufar military base alone can accept 15,000 of the Pentagon's military personnel. The runways of U.S. military bases in Oman are being widened and repaired for the landing of heavy transport planes. U.S. engineering units are engaged in extensive activity on the island of Masira which is only 4 miles away from the Strait of Hormuz. The presence of U.S. military forces in this island has actually placed shipping in the Strait of Hormuz under the control of U.S. forces.

In addition to previous British airfields in Masira, the Pentagon is constructing a large airfield on this island at which fighter and anti-submarine aircraft will be able to refuel continuously. The largest U.S. military airfield in the region is thus under construction in this island. Moreover, in Muscat, the capital of Oman, military installations are being expanded and modernized. U.S. naval vessels constantly sail here to stockpile military hardware and spare parts, and constantly enter the Persian Gulf after sailing in the northwestern waters of the Indian Ocean.

As you see, Qabus's remarks do not have the slightest connection with the facts. U.S. military bases do exist on Oman's soil; not one or two, but many. All of them endanger the security of the Persian Gulf states.

Authorities of Khomeyni's Velayat-e Faqih regime do not want to perceive this reality. By prolonging the war desired by America they allow their American and British masters, through the escalation of their military presence in the region, to (?seriously) endanger Iran's independence and that of other countries.

Afghan Muslim Parties Emphasize Islamic Unity
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[Text] Qom, Central Prov., Aug. 9, IRNA — Afghan Islamic parties and organizations denounced the futile moves of the mercenaries of imperialism to hurt Islamic unity and brotherhood in the ranks of Afghan mujahidin, calling for the execution of the declaration of unity. The declaration was signed by Afghan Islamic groups recently after Ayatollah Montazeri called on them for unity.

In a statement released Thursday, the Islamic parties voiced support for Ayatollah Montazeri's guidelines on unity and announced their readiness to follow the religious jurisprudent. The parties also called on Afghan refugees to be vigilant against such seditious acts and to maintain their unity.